



Hawaii Marine flag circa 1994



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

A memorial was held in front of a full house at the base theatre Monday for Marines killed while on deployment with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. Nine of them were members of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

# Fallen Marines memorialized



Lance Cpl. Richard P. Slocum, who enlisted in the Marine Corps Aug. 13, 2003, died Oct. 24 supporting OIF.

## Father recalls son's transformation

**Staff Sgt. Ronna M. Weyland**  
Managing Editor

A father of a 19-year-old Marine, who recently died in Iraq, from a non-combat vehicle accident recalls his son's short, but devoted time in the Corps.

Lance Cpl. Richard P. Slocum enlisted in the Marine Corps Aug. 13, 2003 with the hopes of bettering himself as a person and finding discipline. However, his time in the Corps ended shortly a year after joining when he died in a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle accident while in a convoy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Oct. 24.

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## Hundreds gather as K-Bay mourns loss

**Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**  
Combat Correspondent

It was a somber sight here Monday as hundreds of service, family members and friends gathered into the base theater where 10 sets of rifles stood vertically mounted with Kevlar helmets resting solemnly atop them and empty boots set at attention at their base.

The Marines had given the ultimate sacrifice thousands of miles from home, but the people they left behind, will not forget them. The smiling faces on the photos the fallen Marines were set before their individual tribute in remembrance of happier times.

The ceremony began and ended in prayer. But between the reflections and suggestions of hope, were words about the individual men, about how they lived, fought and died for what they

believed in.

"Americans complain that today's generation of youth is weak, spoiled and unmotivated," said Col. Jeffrey J. Patterson, commanding officer, 3rd Marine Regiment. "Well, they never met the Marines that we are remembering here today."

The Submarine Veteran's Group donated a wreath to the memory of the men, and placed it upon the stage half way through the ceremony. The memorial also included scripture readings, a color guard and Taps, before guests crowded up to the front of the stage to glance at familiar faces and pay their final respects.

Eight of the Marines were killed when a suicide car bomber rammed into a seven-ton truck near Fallujah, Iraq, Oct. 30. Those killed in the attack were: Pfc. John Lukac, 19, of Las Vegas; Lance Cpl. Andrew G. Riedel, 19, of Northglenn, Colo.; Lance Cpl. Jeremy D. Bow, 20, of Lemoore, Calif.; Lance Cpl. John T. Byrd II, 23, of Fairview, W.V.; Lance Cpl. Travis A. Fox, 25, of Cowpens, S.C.; Lance Cpl. Michael P. Scarborough, 28, of Washington, Ga.; and Cpl. Christopher J. Lapka, 22, of Peoria, Ariz.

According to the *Honolulu Advertiser*, it was the state's single-day greatest combat loss since the Vietnam War.


Also honored was Pfc. Dennis L. Mitchell, 19, of Spokane, Wash., died July 23,

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Cpl. Stephen Sanchez, a bugler with the Marine Forces Pacific Band, plays Taps during a memorial ceremony held here Monday for 10 fallen service members.

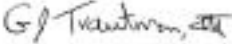


Happy 229th Birthday! Today, we Marines, young and old, reflect upon the glorious history and traditions of our past and the challenges of the present, while we ready ourselves for future contingencies. As we have seen these past three years, the dangers of serving in harm's way are very real. Tragically, the devastation wreaked by war has recently touched our base. As we continue to deploy Marines to Iraq, Afghanistan, an into the Pacific region, we are reminded why we joined this beloved Corps — to serve and protect this great nation and the freedoms we all enjoy.

Since 1775, Marines have embodied the ideals of liberty and democracy, which have carried us through battlefields across the globe. In times of turmoil and triumph. United States Marines have defined the character of our Corps by proving their unyielding will and selfless sacrifice. Today, at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, we epitomize America's dedicated warriors and we do so by maintaining high standards, and our core values of honor, courage and commitment.

Marines have a remarkable legacy we must always remember, no matter where we are stationed. As Marines, we possess unmatched pride and esprit de corps that is evident throughout our base. In the field, during PT, or while on liberty, it is our responsibility to maintain the high standard that is the hallmark of the United States Marine.

Remember that this is our day, Marines! Celebrate with care and pride, and embrace the spirit of being a United States Marine. Happy Birthday and Semper Fidelis!



G.J. Trautman, III  
Brigadier General, United States Marine Corps  
Commanding General, Marine Corps Base Hawaii



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Mokapu Peninsula, shown in 1982, has transformed from a home to Hawaiian royalty to the home of Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

## Mokapu Peninsula Hawaiian, Marine training ground

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The Mokapu Peninsula, on which Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay is located, has a long and illustrious history, dating back to times even before America was discovered. During times of old all native Hawaiians knew Mokapu Peninsula as sacred ground. Royalty ruled, warriors trained and ancestors were laid to rest here.

Its past has seen some of the earliest societies develop into to one of the most advanced military installations in the world, from what at most held a fleet of small canoes and warriors, to now hold several squadrons of combat-ready aircraft and thousands of deployable troops.

This very peninsula, which was once an agricultural paradise, training ground for the native warriors and resort for presiding royalty, has undergone immense changes over the past century. Although the peninsula has changed drastically over the years, small standing monuments can still be seen on the peninsula as a testament to the history of this royal land. Mokapu is the site of several heiau, or small temples built of lava rock. Most notable is the fishing shrine at the farthest extension of Pyramid Rock. Many early inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands were buried on Mokapu Peninsula. When royalty moved to Waikiki in the 19th century, the "Great Mahele" (land reformation) made way for farming and trade on Mokapu.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson established an army reservation near Ulupau Crater and in 1939; the Navy adapted the flat, isolated Mokapu Peninsula as an ideal base of operations for seaplanes. From these beginnings, a Naval air station emerged.

Kaneohe Air Station set numerous precedents on Dec. 7, 1941, "a date that will live in infamy." Kaneohe Bay was the first base attacked by Japanese aircraft, losing 18 sailors and one civilian, plus 24 of its 36 aircraft. A commemorative plaque on Reed Road now marks the site of the first crash of a Japanese airplane flown by the highest-ranking Japanese officer killed during the attack. Another distinction earned at Kaneohe that day was the first Medal of Honor awarded for Heroic Action in the Pacific, presented to Kaneohe sailor John Finn for whom the new naval administration building on Mokapu Road is named.

In 1951, the station was proposed as an ideal site for combined air-ground team, so the Marines assumed control of the air station

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## Headin' to the desert

Petty Officer 2nd Class James Lambert, corpsman with Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, takes a little time with his wife Rebecca and two children, Alex and Jolina, before heading off to Afghanistan. October marked three years since the start of the War on Terrorism and the bombing began in Afghanistan.

Now, the Marines and Sailors from 3/3 will soon get their chance to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

A small advanced party left a little over a week ago and the main body completed its departure Thursday to execute its mission to conduct stability and security operations.

The service members from "America's Battalion" were apprehensive, but ready to get into the fight. "I just want to hurry up and get there, get the job done and get back as soon as possible," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Mike Subee.

The family members were on hand during the departures to say farewell to their loved ones.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner



# Word on the street

What makes you most proud to be in the Marine Corps family?



**Lance Cpl. Alexis Roca**  
Electrician  
Engineer Company, CSSG-3

“The camaraderie, unity and great leadership we have.”



**Lance Cpl. Carlos Mercado**  
Basic Hygiene  
Equipment Operator  
Engineer Company, CSSG-3

“The Corps’ values and the brotherly atmosphere.”



**Lance Cpl. Sean Denson**  
Personnel Administration  
G-1, Headquarters Battalion,  
MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

“The support of others any time you need it.”



**Sgt. Jordan Kramp**  
Section Leader  
Weapons Platoon, 2/3

“Knowing the fact that the Marine to the left or the right of you will sacrifice their lives to save another. That tells it all for me.”



**Lance Cpl. Stefon Herbert**  
Combat Lithographer  
India Company, 3rd Battalion,  
Combat Visual Information  
Center, HQBN

“The awesome history and pride that comes with being a Marine.”

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Pacific War Memorial Lecture

Lt. Gen. Henry C. Stackpole will be the guest speaker at the Pacific War Memorial Lecture Series 2-04 scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the base theater. The lecture is open to the MCB Hawaii military community.

## Flagpole Ceremony Thursday

Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III, commanding general, MCB Hawaii, will present an award to retired Sgt. Maj. Sam Moyer during the flagpole ceremony Thursday morning at 8 a.m. The award is for the Founders Award from the Force Reconnaissance Association.

## Blue Angels Scrip Refunds

Unused scrip purchased at the Blues on the Bay Air Show may be refunded at Marine Corps Exchange Cash Cage until Thursday. Call Jim Bocci at 254-7679 for details.

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# Remembering the fallen – Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom



Sgt. L.A. Salinas

The following are Marines and Sailors who have given their lives in support of operations in the Middle East. The list is current as of Wednesday.

**Cpl. Roberto Abad**, 22, Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lt. Thomas Mullen Adams**, 27, La Mesa, Calif., March 22, 2003, Over International Waters  
**Lance Cpl. Patrick R. Adle**, 21, Baltimore, Md., June 29, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Nickalous N. Aldrich**, 21, Austin, Texas, Aug. 27, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Michael J. Allred**, 22, Hyde Park, Utah., Sept. 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Nicanor Alvarez**, 22, San Bernardino, Calif., Aug. 21, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Daniel R. Amaya**, 22, Odessa, Texas, April 11, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Brian E. Anderson**, 26, Durham, N.C., April 2, 2003, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael C. Anderson**, 36, Daytona, Fla., May 2, 2004, Iraq  
**Chief Warrant Officer 2 Andrew Todd Arnold**, 30, Spring, Texas, April 22, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Levi T Angell**, 20, Saint Louis, Minn., April 8, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Alexander S. Arredondo**, 20, Randolph, Mass., Aug. 25, 2004, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. Jimmy J. Arroyave**, 30, Woodland, Calif., April 15, 2004, Iraq  
**Maj. Jay Thomas Aubin**, 36, Waterville, Maine, March 21, 2003, Kuwait  
**Lance Cpl. Aaron C. Austin**, 21, Sunray, Texas, April 26, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Andrew Julian Aviles**, 18, Palm Beach, Fla., April 7, 2003, Iraq  
**Pfc. Eric A. Ayon**, 26, Arleta, Calif., April 9, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Chad E. Bales**, 21, Coahoma, Texas, April 3, 2003, Iraq  
**Capt. Matthew W. Bancroft**, 29, Shasta, Calif., Jan. 9, 2002, Pakistan

35, Tallahassee, Fla., March 27, 2002, Afghanistan  
**Lance Cpl. Jeremy D. Bow**, 20, Lemoore, Calif., Oct. 30, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Travis J. Bradachnall**, 21, Multnomah County, Ore., July 2, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Dominic C. Brown**, 19, Austin, Texas, Sept. 13, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Cedric E. Bruns**, 22, Vancouver, Wash., May 9, 2003, Kuwait  
**Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice Bryant L. Davis**, 20, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 7, 2001, Arabian Sea  
**Gunnery Sgt. Stephen L. Bryson**, 35, Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 9, 2002, Pakistan  
**Lance Cpl. Brian Rory Buesing**, 20, Cedar Key, Fla., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Jeffrey C. Burgess**, 20, Plymouth, Mass., March 25, Iraq  
**Pfc. Tamarío D. Burkett**, 21, Buffalo, N.Y., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Pfc. David P. Burridge**, 19, Lafayette, La., Sept. 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. John T. Byrd II**, 23, Fairview, W.V., Oct. 30, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Cody S. Calavan**, 19, Lake Stevens, Wash., May 29, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Juan Calderon Jr.**, 26, Weslaco, Texas, Aug. 2, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Michael M. Carey**, 20, Prince George, Va., May 18, Iraq  
**Pfc. Benjamin R. Carman**, 20, Jefferson, Iowa, April 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. James A. Casper**, 20, Coolidge, Texas, March 25, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Steven C. T. Cates**, 22, Mount Juliet, Tenn., Sept. 20, 2004, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. James W. Cawley**, 41, Roy, Utah, March 29, 2003, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 3rd Class David A. Cedergren**, 25, South St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 11, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Manuel A. Cenicerós**, 23, Santa

**Pfc. Ryan R. Cox**, 19, Derby, Kan., June 15, 2003  
**Lance Cpl. Timothy R. Creager**, 21, Millington, Tenn., July 1, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Kyle D. Crowley**, 18, San Ramon, Calif., April 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Brian K. Cutter**, 19, Riverside, Calif., May 13, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Andrew S. Dang**, 20, Foster City, Calif., March 22, 2004, Iraq  
**Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice Michael J. Jakes Jr.**, 20, Brooklyn, N.Y., Dec. 4, 2001, Arabian Sea  
**Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher M. Dickerson**, 33, Eastman, Ga., April 30, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Nicholas J. Dieruf**, 21, Versailles, Ky., April 8, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. James R. Dillon Jr.**, 19, Grove City, Pa., March 13, 2003, Kuwait  
**Petty Officer 2nd Class Trace W. Dossett**, 37, Orlando, Fla., May 2, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Scott E. Dougherty**, 20, Bradenton, Fla., July 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Jason L. Dunham**, 22, Allegany, N.Y., April 22, 2004, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason B. Dwelley**, 31, Apopka, Fla., April 30, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Christopher S. Ebert**, 21, Mooresboro, N.C., Sept. 17, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Mark E. Engel**, 21, Grand Junction, Colo., July 21, 2004, (from injuries in Iraq)  
**Cpl. Mark A. Evnin**, 21, Burlington, Vt., April 3, 2003, Iraq  
**2nd Lt. Paul M. Felsberg**, 27, West Palm Beach, Fla., Oct. 13, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Tyler R. Fey**, 22, Eden Prairie, Minn., April 4, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Dustin R. Fitzgerald**, 22, Huber Heights, Ohio, Aug. 18, 2004, Iraq  
**Gunnery Sgt. Elia P. Fontecchio**, 30, Milford, Mass., Aug. 4, 2004, Iraq  
**Capt. Travis A. Ford**, 30, Ogallala, Neb., April 4, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Travis A. Fox**, 25, Cowpens, S.C., Oct. 30, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Phillip E. Frank**, 20, Elk Grove, Ill., April 8, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. David K. Fribley**, 26, Cape Coral, Fla., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Kane M. Funke**, 20, Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 13, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Jonathan E. Gadsden**, 21, Charleston, S.C., Oct. 22, Tampa, Fla. from injuries, Iraq on Aug. 21  
**Capt. Richard J. Gannon II**, 31, Escondido, Calif., April 17, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Derek L. Gardner**, 20, San Juan Capistrano, Calif., Sept. 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Jose A. Garibay**, 21, Costa Mesa, Calif., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Pfc. Juan Guadalupe Garza Jr.**, 20, Temperance, Mich., April 8, 2003, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. Scott N. Germosen**, 37, Queens, N.Y., Jan. 9, 2002, Pakistan  
**Lance Cpl. Cory Ryan Geurin**, 18, Santee, Calif., July 15, 2003, Iraq  
**Cpl. Christopher A. Gibson**, 23, Simi Valley, Calif., April 18, 2004  
**Pvt. Jonathan L. Gifford**, 30, Macon, Ill., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 3rd Class Ronald A. Ginther**, 37, Auburndale, Fla., May 2, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Todd J. Godwin**, 21, Muskingum County, Ohio, July 20, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Shane L. Goldman**, 20, Orange, Texas, April 5, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Armando Ariel Gonzalez**, 25, Hileah, Fla., April 14, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Benjamin R. Gonzalez**, 23, Los Angeles, Calif., May 29, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Jesus A. Gonzalez**, 22, Indio, Calif., April 12, 2003, Iraq  
**Cpl. Jorge A. Gonzalez**, 20, El Monte, Calif., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Victor A. Gonzalez**, 19, Watsonville, Calif., Oct. 13, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Bernard G. Gooden**, 22, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., April 4, 2003, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael J. Gray**, 32, Richmond, Va., March 5, 2004, Kuwait  
**Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray**, 19, Patoka, Ill., April 11, Iraq  
**Cpl. Jeffrey G. Green**, 20, Dallas, Texas, May 5, 2004, Iraq  
**Lt. Col. David S. Greene**, 39, Raleigh, N.C., July 28, 2004, Iraq

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Gunnery Sgt. Keith A. Mills

**Cpl. Jeremiah A. Baro**, 21, Fresno, Calif., Nov 4, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Aric J. Barr**, 22, Allegheny, Pa., April 3, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Douglas E. Bascom**, 25, Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 20, 2004, Iraq  
**Gunnery Sgt. Ronald E. Baum**, 38, Hollidaysburg, Pa., May 3, 2004, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. Jorge A. Molina Bautista**, 37, Rialto, Calif., May 23, 2004, Iraq  
**Capt. Ryan Anthony Beaupre**, 30, Bloomington, Ill., March 21, 2003, Kuwait  
**Cpl. Christopher Belchik**, 30, Jersey, Ill., Aug. 22, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Bryan P. Bertrand**, 23, Coos Bay, Ore., Jan. 9, 2002, Pakistan  
**Staff Sgt. Marvin Best**, 33, Prosser, Wash., June 20, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Michael E. Bitz**, 31, Oxnard, Calif., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Thomas A. Blair**, 24, Broken Arrow, Okla., March 24, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Jeremy L. Bohlman**, 21, Sioux Falls, S.D., June 7, 2004, Iraq  
**Gunnery Sgt. Jeffrey E. Bohr, Jr.**, 39, Ossian, Iowa, April 10, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Todd J. Bolding**, 23, Manvel, Texas, June 3, 2004, Iraq  
**Petty Officer Third Class Doyle W. Bollinger, Jr.**, 21, Poteau, Okla., June 6, 2003, Iraq  
**Chief Petty Officer Matthew J. Bourgeois**,

Ana, Calif., June 26, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Kemaphoom A. Chanawongse**, 22, Waterford, Conn., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Chief Warrant Officer 2 Robert William Channell Jr.**, 36, Tuscaloosa, Ala., April 22, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Marcus M. Cherry**, 18, Imperial, Calif., April 6, 2004, Iraq  
**2nd Lt. Therrel S. Childers**, 30, Harrison, Miss., March 21, 2003, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. Michael J. Clark**, 29, Leesburg Lake, Fla., July 20, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Donald J. Cline, Jr.**, 21, Sparks, Nev., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Pfc. Christopher R. Cobb**, 19, Bradenton, Fla., April 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Kyle W. Codner**, 19, Wood River, Neb., May 26, 2004, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. Walter F. Cohee III**, 26, Wicomico, Md., Jan. 20, 2002, Afghanistan  
**Lance Cpl. Jonathan W. Collins**, 19, Crystal Lake, Ill., Aug. 8, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Kenneth Conde Jr.**, 23, Orlando, Fla., July 1, 2004, Iraq  
**Capt. Aaron J. Contreras**, 31, Sherwood, Ore., March 30, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Pedro Contreras**, 27, Harris, Texas, June 21, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Jason Cook**, 25, Okanogan, Wash., Aug. 21, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Kelley L. Courtney**, 28, Macon, Ga., Oct. 30, 2004, Iraq



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**Pfc. Christian D. Gurtner**, 19, Ohio City, Ohio, April 2, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Jose Gutierrez**, 22, Los Angeles, Calif., March 21, 2003, Iraq  
**Pfc. Deryk L. Hallal**, 24, Indianapolis, Ind., April 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Michael J. Halal**, 22, Glendale, Ariz., Sept. 13, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Andrew Halverson**, 19, Grant, Wis. Oct. 9, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Nathaniel T. Hammond**, 24, Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 8, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Fernando B. Hannon**, 19, Wildomar, Calif., Aug. 15, 2004, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. William M. Harrell**, 30, Placentia, Calif., April 8, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Foster L. Harrington**, 31, Ft. Worth, Texas, Sept. 20, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Nathan P. Hays**, 21, Lincoln, Wash., Jan. 9, 2002, Pakistan  
**Cpl. Matthew C. Henderson**, 25, Lincoln, Neb., May 26, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Nicholas M. Hodson**, 22, Smithville, Mo., March 22, 2003, Iraq  
**Cpl. Terry Holmes**, 22, Hollywood, Fla., July 10, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Sean Horn**, 19, Orange, Calif., June 19, 2004, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. John R. Howard**, 26, Covington, Va., Aug. 11, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Gregory C. Howman**, 28, Charlotte, N.C., Sept. 15, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Jared P. Hubbard**, 22, Clovis, Calif., Nov 4, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Tavon L. Hubbard**, 24, Reston, Va., Aug. 11, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Barton R. Humlhanz**, 23, Hellertown, Pa., Aug. 26, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Justin T. Hunt**, 22, Riverside, Calif., July 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. James B. Huston Jr.**, 22, Umatilla, Ore., July 2, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Seth Huston**, 19, Perryton, Texas, Aug. 21, 2004, Iraq.  
**Pvt. Nolen R. Hutchings**, 19, Boiling Springs, S.C., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Cpl. Evan T. James**, 20, LaHarpe, Ill., March 24, 2003, Iraq  
**Electrician's Mate Fireman Apprentice Michael J. Jakes Jr.**, 20, Brooklyn, N.Y., Dec. 4, 2001, Arabian Sea  
**Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert B. Jenkins**, 35, Stuart, Fla., May 2, 2004, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 3rd Class Benjamin Johnson**, 21, Rochester, N.Y., Nov. 18, 2001, Persian Gulf  
**Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Vann Johnson, Jr.**, 25, Little Rock, Ark., March 25, 2003, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 2nd Class Darrell Jones**, 22, Wellston, Ohio, Oct., 8, 2003, United Arab Emirates  
**Lt. Kylan A. Jones-Huffman**, 31, Aptos, Calif., Aug. 21, 2003, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. Phillip A. Jordan**, 42, Brazoria, Texas, March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Pfc. Ryan M. Jerabek**, 18, Oneida, Wis., April 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Quinn A. Keith**, 21, Page, Ariz., Sept. 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Bryan P. Kelly**, 21, Klamath, Ore., July 16, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Brian Matthew Kennedy**, 25, Houston, Texas, March 21, 2003, Kuwait  
**Cpl. Dallas L. Kerns**, 21, Mountain Grove, Mo., July 5, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Nicholas Brian Kleiboeker**, 19, Irvington, Ill., May 13, 2003, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric L. Knott**, 21, Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 4, 2004  
**Cpl. Kevin T. Kolm**, 23, Hicksville, N.Y., April 13, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Bradley S. Korthaus**, 28, Scott, Iowa, March 24, 2003 Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Jakub Henryk Kowalik**, 21, Schaumburg, Ill., May 12, 2003, Iraq  
**Sgt. Michael V. Lalush**, 23, Troutville, Va., March 30, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Alan Dinh Lam**, 19, Snow Camp, N.C., April 22, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Lam**, 22, Queens, N.Y., Nov. 8, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Jonathan W. Lambert**, 28, Newsite, Miss., June 1, 2003, Landstuhl, Germany (from injuries in Iraq)  
**Capt. Andrew David LaMont**, 31, Eureka, Calif., May 19, 2003, Iraq  
**Gunnery Sgt. Shawn A. Lane**, 33, Corning, N.Y., July 28, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Moises A. Langhorst**, 19, Moose Lake, Minn., April 5, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Sean M. Langley**, 20, Lexington, Ky., Nov. 7, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Christopher J. Lapka**, 22, Peoria, Ariz., Oct. 30, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Jeffrey D. Lawrence**, 22, Tucson, Ariz., July 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Travis J. Layfield**, 19, Fremont, Calif., April 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Bum R. Lee**, 21, Sunnyvale, Calif., June 2, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Edgar E. Lopez**, 27, Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 28, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Juan Lopez**, 22, Whitfield, Ga., June 21, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Richard M. Lord**, 24, Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 18, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Jacob R. Lugo**, 21, Flower Mound, Texas, Aug. 24, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. John Lukac**, 19, Las Vegas, Nev., Oct. 30, 2004, Iraq  
**1st Lt. Matthew D. Lynch**, 25, Jericho, N.Y., Oct. 31, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Christopher D. Mabry**, 19, Chunky, Miss., April 7, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Gregory E. MacDonald**, 29, Washington, D.C., June 25, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Cesar F. Machado-Olmos**, 20, Spanish Fork, Utah, Sept. 13, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Joseph B. Maglione**, 22, Lansdale, Pa., April 1, 2003, Kuwait  
**Cpl. Douglas Jose Marecoreyes**, 28, Chino, Calif., May 18, 2003, Iraq  
**Pfc. Oscar A. Martinez**, 19, North Lauderdale, Fla., Oct. 12, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Francisco A. Martinez-Flores**, 21, Los Angeles, Calif., March



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**Capt. Brent L. Morel**, 27, Martin, Tenn., April 7, 2004, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 3rd Class David J. Moreno**, 26, Gering, Neb., July 17, 2003, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. Dwight J. Morgan**, 24, Mendocino, Calif., Jan. 20, 2002, Afghanistan  
**Pfc. Geoffery S. Morris**, 19, Gurnee, Ill, April 4, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Ricky A. Morris Jr.**, 20, Lubbock, Texas, March 18, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Nicholas B. Morrison**, 23, Carlisle, Penn., Aug. 13, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak**, 27, Burke, Va., July 10, 2004, Iraq  
**Major Kevin G. Nave**, 36, Union Lake, Mich., March 26, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Joseph L. Nice**, 19, Nicoma Park, Okla., Aug. 4, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Dominique J. Nicolas**, 25, Maricopa, Ariz., May 26, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Patrick R. Nixon**, 21, Nashville, Tenn., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Cpl. Mick R. Nygardbekowsky**, 21, Concord, Calif., Sept. 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Patrick T. O'Day**, 20, Santa Rosa, Calif., March 25, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Shane K. O'fDonnell**, 24, DeForest, Wis., Nov. 8, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Brian Oliveira**, 22, Raynham, Mass., Oct. 25, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Eric James Orlowski**, 25, Buffalo, N.Y., March 22, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Deshon E. Otey**, 24, Hardin, Ky., June 21, 2004, Iraq  
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**Lance Cpl. David Edward Owens Jr.**, 20, Winchester, Va., April 12, 2003, Iraq  
**Sgt. Fernando Padilla-Ramirez**, 26, Yuma, Ariz., March 28, 2003, Iraq  
**1st Lt. Joshua M. Palmer**, 25, Banning, Calif., April 8, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Tommy L. Parker Jr.**, 21, Cleburne, Ark, June 21, 2004, Iraq  
**Engineman 1st Class Vincent Parker**, 38, Preston, Miss., Nov. 18, 2001, Persian Gulf  
**Sgt. Harvey E. Parkerson III**, 27, Yuba City, Calif., Aug. 18, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Ronald R. Payne Jr.**, 23, Lakeland, Fla., May 8, 2004, Afghanistan  
**Pfc. Geoffrey Perez**, 24, Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 15, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Nicholas Perez**, 19, Austin, Texas, Sept. 3, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 1st Class Michael J. Pernaselli**, 27, of Monroe, N.Y, April 24, 2004, Northern Persian Gulf  
**Pfc. Chance R. Phelps**, 19, Clifton, Colo., April 9, 2004, Iraq  
**1st Lt. Frederick E. Pokorney Jr.**, 31, Tonopah, Nev., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Pfc. Jason T. Poindexter**, 20, San Angelo, Texas, Sept. 12, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Caleb J. Powers**, 21, Manfield, Wash., Aug. 17, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Dean P. Pratt**, 22, Stevensville, Mont., Aug. 2, 2004, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason Profit**, 23, Charlestown, Ind., March 17, 2003, Red Sea.  
**Lance Cpl. Mathew D. Puckett**, 19, Mason, Texas, Sept. 13, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Branden P. Ramey**, 22, Boone, Ill, Nov. 8, 2004, Iraq



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**Capt. Gregory A Ratzlaff**, 36, Olympia, Wash., Aug. 3, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Christopher J. Reed**, 20, Craigmont, Idaho, July 10, 2004, Iraq  
**Gunnery Sgt. Edward T. Reeder**, 32, Camp Verde, Ariz., Aug. 21, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Brendon C. Reiss**, 23, Casper, Wyo., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas E. Retzer**, 30, San Diego, Calif., June 25, 2003, Afghanistan  
**Sgt. Yadir G. Reynoso**, 27, Wapato, Wash., Aug. 5, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Rafael Reynosasuarez**, 28, Santa Ana, Calif., May 29, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Andrew G. Riedel**, 19, Northglenn, Colo., Oct. 30, 2004, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. David G. Ries**, 29, Clark, Wash., Nov. 8, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Steven A. Rintamaki**, 21, Lynnwood, Wash., Sept 16, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Duane R. Rios**, 25, Hammond, Ind., April 4, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Anthony P. Roberts**, 18, Bear, Del., April 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Bob W. Roberts**, 30, Newport, Ore., May 17, 2004, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 1st Class Neil C. Roberts**, 32, Woodland, Calif., March 4, 2002, Afghanistan  
**Sgt. Moses D. Rocha**, 33, Roswell, N.M., Aug. 5, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Jose Franci Gonzalez Rodriguez**, 19, Norwalk, Calif., May 12, 2003, Iraq  
**Cpl. Robert M. Rodriguez**, 21, Queens, N.Y., March 28, 2003, Iraq  
**Cpl. Randal Kent Rosacker**, 21, San Diego, Calif., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Capt. Alan Rowe**, 35, Hagerman, Idaho, Sept. 3, Iraq  
**1st Lt. Timothy Louis Ryan**, 30, Aurora, Ill., May 19, 2003, Iraq  
**Cpl. Rudy Salas**, 20, Baldwin Park, Calif., May 20, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. William I. Salazar**, 26, Las Vegas, Nev., Oct. 15, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Leroy Sandoval Jr.**, 21, Houston, Texas, March 26, 2004, Iraq  
**Capt. Benjamin W. Sammis**, 29, Rehobeth, Mass., April 4, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Jeremiah E. Savage**, 21, Livingston, Tenn., May 12, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Michael P. Scarborough**, 28, Washington, Ga., Oct. 30, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Brian K. Schramm**, 22, Rochester, N.Y., Oct. 15, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Dustin M. Sekula**, 18, Edinburg, Texas, April 1, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Matthew K. Serio**, 21, North Providence, R.I., April 5, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Dustin H. Schrage**, 20, Brevard, Fla., May 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Maj. Kevin M. Shea**, 38, Washington, D.C., Sept. 14, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Alan D. Sherman**, 36,Brick, N.J., June 29, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Brad S. Shuder**, 21, El Dorado, Calif., April 12, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Kenneth L. Sickels**, 20, Apple Valley, Calif., Sept. 27, 2004 Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Dustin L. Sides**, 22, Yakima, Wash., May 31, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Erik H. Silva**, 22, Chula Vista, Calif., April 3, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. John T. Sims Jr.**, 21, Alexander City, Ala., April 10, 2004, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 3rd Class David Sisung**, 21, Phoenix, Ariz., June 6, 2003, Persian Gulf  
**Pfc. Nicholas M. Skinner**, 20, Davenport, Iowa, Aug. 26, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Antonio J. Sledd**, 20, Tampa, Fla., Oct. 8, 2002, Kuwait  
**Lance Cpl. Richard P. Slocum**, 19, Saugus, Calif., Oct. 24, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Slocum**, 22, Thornton, Colo., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Sgt. Benjamin K. Smith**, 24, Carterville, Ill., Sept. 22, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Brandon C. Smith**, 20, Washington, Ark., March 18, 2004, Iraq  
**1st Sgt. Edward Smith**, 38, Chicago, Ill., April 5, 2003, Qatar  
**Lance Cpl. Matthew R. Smith**, 20, Anderson, Ind., May 10, 2003, Kuwait  
**Lance Cpl. Michael J. Smith Jr.**, 21, Jefferson, Ohio, April 17, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Adrian V. Soltau**, 21, Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 13, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Michael R. Speer**, 24, Davenport, Iowa, April 9, 2004, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. Trevor Spink**, 36, Farmington, Mo., July 10, 2004, Iraq  
**1st Lieutenant Andrew K. Stern**, 24, Germantown, Tenn., Sept. 16, 2004, Iraq  
**Sgt. Kirk Allen Straseskie**, 23, Beaver Dam, Wis., May 19, 2003, Iraq  
**Pfc. Brandon C. Sturdy**, 19, Urbandale, Iowa, May 13, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Jesus A. Suarez Del Solar**, 20, Escondido, Calif., March 27, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Vincent M. Sullivan**, 23, Chatham, N.J., July 23, 2004, Iraq  
**Petty Officer 1st Class David M. Tapper**, 32, Camden County, N.J., Aug. 22, 2003, Afghanistan  
**Staff Sgt. Riayan A. Tejeda**, 26, New York, N.Y., April 11, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Jason Andrew Tetrault**, 20, Moreno Valley, Calif., July 9, 2003, Kuwait  
**Lance Cpl. Justin T. Thacker**, 21, Bluefield, W.Va., June 24, 2004, Afghanistan  
**Cpl. Jesse L. Thiry**, 23, Casco, Wis., April 5, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. John H. Todd III**, 24, Bridgeport, Pa., June 29, 2004, Iraq  
**Master Sgt. Timothy Toney**, 37, Manhattan, N.Y., March 27, 2004, Kuwait  
**Lance Cpl. Michael S. Torres**, 21, El Paso, Texas, July 5, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Elias Torrez III**, 21, Veribest, Texas, April 9, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Drew M. Uhles**, 20, DuQuoin, Ill., Sept. 15, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Ruben Valdez Jr.**, 21, San Diego, Texas, April 17, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. John J. Vangyzen IV**, 21, Bristol, Mass., July 5, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Gary F. VanLeuven**, 20, Klamath Falls, Ore., April 17, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. David M. Vicente**, 25, Methuen, Mass., March 19, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Scott M. Vincent**, 21, Bokoshe, Okla., April 30, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Michael B. Wafford**, 20, Spring, Texas, April 8, 2004, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. Allan K. Walker**, 28, Lancaster, Calif., April 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Nachez Washalanta**, 21, Bryan, Okla., Aug. 21, 2004, Iraq.  
**Lance Cpl. Christopher B Wasser**, 21, Ottawa, Kan., April 8, 2004, Iraq  
**1st Lt. Alexander E. Wetherbee**, 27, Fairfax, Va., Sept. 12, 2004, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. Kendall Damon Waters-Bey**, 29, Baltimore, Md., March 21, 2003, Kuwait  
**Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher E. Watts**, 28, Knoxville, Tenn., April 24, 2004, Northern Persian Gulf  
**Lance Cpl. Larry L. Wells**, 22, Mount Hermon, La., Aug. 6, 2004, Iraq  
**1st Lt. Alexander E. Wetherbee**, 27, Fairfax, Va., Sept. 12, Iraq  
**Staff Sgt. Aaron Dean White**, 27, Shawnee, Okla., May 19, 2003, Iraq  
**Lt. Nathan D. White**, 30, Mesa, Ariz., April 2, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Russell P. White**, 19, Dagsboro, Del., June 20, 2004, Afghanistan  
**Lance Cpl. William W. White**, 24, Brooklyn, N.Y., March 29, 2003, Iraq  
**Cpl. Joshua S. Wilfong**, 22, Walker, W.Va., April 30, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Michael J. Williams**, 31, Yuma, Ariz., March 23, 2003, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Lamont N. Wilson**, 20, Lawton, Okla., Sept. 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Nicholas Wilt**, 23, Tampa, Fla, Sept. 3, Iraq  
**1st Lieutenant Ronald Winchester**, 25, Rockville Center, N.Y., Sept. 3, Iraq  
**Sgt. Jeannette L. Winters**, 25, Du Page, Ill., Jan. 9, 2002, Pakistan  
**Lance Cpl. William J. Wiscowiche**, 20, Victorville, Calif., March 30, 2004, Iraq  
**2nd Lt. John T. Wroblewski**, 25, Oak Ridge, N.J., April 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Wyatt**, 22, Calendonía, Wis., Oct. 12, 2004, Iraq  
**Pfc. Rodricka A. Youmans**, 22, Allendale, S.C., July 6, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Andrew J. Zabierek**, 25, Chelmsford, Mass., May 21, 2004, Iraq  
**Cpl. Ian T. Zook**, 24, Port St. Lucie, Fla., Oct. 12, 2004, Iraq  
**Lance Cpl. Robert P. Zurheide Jr.**, 20, Tucson, Ariz., April 12, 2004, Iraq





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approved the construction of the Aiea Naval Hospital (right), which is now part of Camp Smith. This building has remained steadfast for more than 60 years, and is home to Marine Corps Forces Pacific.

# Camp Smith view remains the same

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**CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii** — Before Camp Smith was home to Marine Forces Pacific, it housed thousands of injured service members during the 1940s, the majority of them coming from the famous battle for Iwo Jima.

In 1941, Congress approved the construction of the Aiea Naval Hospital, which is now part of Camp Smith.

Honolulu resident C.W. Dickey was selected to design the hospital. Midway through construction, Pearl Harbor was attacked, forcing completion sooner than expected.

According to [www.anglicoassociation.org](http://www.anglicoassociation.org), a

very accomplished group of famous medical officers helped make up the staff. The medical officer in command, Navy Capt. Joseph A. McMillen, realized the potential of this unique suite of men, and provided full support in aiding their research and development efforts, especially in the blast and concussion fields, two very common injuries at the time.

By 1943, the hospital was well renowned for the work of its medical staff, and became the pivotal treatment stop for service members on their way home from the Pacific.

During the year, first lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Ralph Bard, assistant secretary of the Navy at the time, and even Joe Cronin of baseball's Boston Red Sox were among the many visitors the hospital received.

Aiea Naval Hospital was vital during the amphibious assaults of the Gilbert, Marshall and Mariana Islands. More than 1,300 patients were admitted from the battle of Tarawa in early 1944. The hospital had to quickly expand to accommodate the more than 5,000 patients. Thus, the medical staff increased and temporary wards were constructed.

The medical staff's biggest challenge came May 21, 1944 when disaster struck, after a chain reaction of explosions destroyed ships docked and tied together at the West Loch ordnance facility at Pearl Harbor. More than 160 Marines and Sailors lost their lives and 396 were injured from the West Loch disaster.

The hospital's staff continued to grow along with its popularity. International entertainers

and dignitaries soon made the hospital a popular place to visit showing support for troops and boosting their morale.

By the end of 1945, demobilization had begun and before long just a few hundred patients remained. On June 1, 1949, the hospital was deactivated when Army and Navy medical facilities on the island consolidated to become Tripler Army Medical Center.

The territory of Hawaii began negotiations to obtain the Aiea facility for a tuberculosis sanitarium, but by 1955, the Marine Corps decided the site would become the home of the Fleet Marine Force Pacific. It was named Camp H.M. Smith in honor of the force's first commanding general and to this day remains the home of Marine Forces Pacific.

# The meaning of ‘Ooh Rah’ traced back to its roots

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**MCRD PARRIS ISLAND, S.C** — “Ooh rah!”

Marines hear it each and every day. Ingrained into Marine minds since boot camp, this distinctly Marine call is barked back and forth in an almost endless stream of motivation. However, take a step back and ask that Marine, “where did ‘Ooh rah’ come from exactly?”

The answer is rarely the same. Countless stories abound regarding the mysterious origins of our beloved phrase.

However, unlike many Marine traditions, “Ooh rah” is rather new. As any veteran of the past 50 years would say, no Marine before 1950 could be found saying it. The true popularization of the word came in the ‘80s and ‘90s,

when it fully emerged from the murky secrecy of Marine reconnaissance through drill instructors and by other means into use by Marines around the world.

“As far as I had been told, ‘Ooh rah simply means ‘let’s kill,’” said Staff Sgt. Hugo Monroy, drill instructor for Platoon 1094, Delta Co., 1st RTBn. “As far as its origin, I really don’t know. I always assumed it was simply a Marine tradition that was passed down from Marine to Marine.”

The stories of “Ooh rah’s” origins range from the logical to the absurd, including stories such as it being Turkish

for kill, which is in fact öldürmek, or even simply a direct counter against the Army’s “Hooah.”

But where did the word really come from?

Marines and historians have determined the true origins of “Ooh rah” lie with recon Marines stationed in Korea in 1953. During this time, reconnaissance Marines in the 1st Amphibious Reconnaissance Co., found themselves traveling via submarine to where they

were needed. The memorable call of “dive, dive!” would be called on the intercom and a klaxon alarm, which made a very distinct “Aarugha” sound, would announce the descent of the sub below water.

The recon Marines, who heard this sound often, started using it as a motivational tool during runs and physical training. Over time,

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# Code talkers make Corps proud

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*Media Chief*

Established in September 1942, the Navajo Code Talkers Program has, over time, constituted a proud chapter in the history of the United States Marine Corps.

Philip P. Johnston, the son of a missionary to the Navajo tribe recommended the program to Maj. Gen. Clayton P. Vogel, commanding general, Amphibious Corps, Pacific Fleet, Camp Elliot, Calif. to guarantee communications security through radio and wire transmission.

The Navajo language is unwritten and completely unintelligible to anyone except another Navajo. By using this, breaking codes would be impossible.

With the cooperation of five Navajos, a demonstration was presented to Vogel and his staff. Simulated field combat messages were handed to a Navajo, who translated it into tribal dialect and transmitted it to another Navajo on the other side of the line. It was then translated back to perfect English by the receiving Navajo, proving the idea successful.

As a result, Vogel recommended the recruitment of at least 200 Navajo Indians for the code talker program.

Recruitment began in May 1942 with the commandant's approval. Each Navajo went through basic boot camp training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, before being assigned to the Field Signal Battalion for training at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

At signal school, training consisted of basic communications procedures and equipment. In addition to this, Navajo words were devised for military terms, which were actually not part of the Navajo language. All code talkers were required to memorize both the primary and alternate code terms.

Once the code talkers training was completed, they were sent to the Pacific for assignment to the Marine combat divisions. Much positive feedback was received by the Commandant by various division commanders reporting of excellent results in the employment of Navajo code talkers in training and combat situations.

Over time, Marine recruiting teams were sent to the Navajo territory as Navajo recruiting was slow after first establishing the program. By August 1943, a total of 191 Navajos had joined the Marine Corps for this specific program. Eventually, many more Navajos volunteered than the program could accept, and many served as Marines in war, but not as code talkers.

As recognition of their dedication to servicing America during World War II, the Navajo code talkers were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the President of the United States in December 1981.

The code talkers were a vital part for the Marine Corps obtaining success during the war. The patriotism, resourcefulness and courage earned them gratitude from both the Marine Corps and America.



Photos Courtesy of the National Archives and Records Administration

Navajo Indian communication men with other Marines on Saipan landed with the first assault waves to hit the beach in 1944.

FIGURE 1 Navajo Dictionary		
Alphabet	Navajo Word	Meaning
A	Wot-la-chee	Ant
B	Shush	Bear
C	Moosi	Cat
D	Be	Deer
E	Ozeh	Elk
F	Ma-e	Fox
G	Klizzie	Goat
H	Lin	Horse
I	Tkin	Ice
J	Tkele-cho-gi	Jackass
K	Klizzie-yazzie	Kid
L	Dibeh-yazzie	Lamb
M	Na-as-tso-si	Mouse
N	Nesh-chee	Nut
O	Ne-ahs-jah	Owl
P	Bis-a-dih	Pig
Q	Ca-yellih	Quiver
R	Gah	Rabbit
S	Dibeh	Sheep
T	Than-zie	Turkey
U	No-da-ih	Ute
V	A-keh-di-glini	Victor
W	Gloe-ih	Weasel
X	Al-an-as-dzeh	Cross
Y	Tsah-as-zih	Yucca
Z	Besh-do-gliz	Zinc
Weapons	Navajo Word	Meaning
Corps	Din-neh-ih	Cat
Switchboard	Ya-ih-e-tih-ih	Central
Dive Bomber	Gini	Chicken Hawk
Torpedo plane	Tas-chizzie	Swallow
Observation plane	Ne-as-jah	Owl
Fighter plane	Da-he-tih-ti	Humming Bird
Bomber	Jay-sho	Buzzard
Alaska	Beh-hgs	With Winter
America	Ne-he-Mah	Our Mother
Australia	Cha-yes-desi	Roller Hat
Germany	Besh-be-cha-he	Iron Hat
Philippines	Ke-yah-da-na-the	Floating Land



Cpl. Henry Bake, Jr., and Pfc. George H. Kirk, Navajos serving in December 1943 with a Marine Corps signal unit, operate a portable radio set in a clearing behind front lines.



Above — Pfc. Preston Toledo and Pfc. Frank Toledo, Navajo cousins in a Marine artillery regiment in the South Pacific, relay orders over a field radio in their native tongue.

Left — Initial recruits, along with communications personnel, designed the first Navajo code, which consisted of 211 words and a system that signified the letters of the alphabet.



# Female Marines hold their own

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**CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii** — Lucy Brewer became the first female Marine when she enlisted under the assumed name George Baker during the War of 1812, according to the Historical Division, Headquarters Marine Corps.

Disguised as a gung-ho man, Brewer was a sharpshooter stationed on the USS Constitution in some of the bloodiest battles against the British according to the Women Marines Association Web site.

Her contributions led to the secretary of the Navy granting authority to enroll women in the Marine Corps Reserve more than 100 years later, according to an article in the San Diego Union Tribune.

Opha Mae Johnson officially became the first female Marine when she enlisted on Aug. 13, 1918, according to the WMA.

At the time, female recruits had to be 20 years old and were restricted to performing clerical duties.

The female organization was formally called the Marine Reserve, and the females were informally called the Marinettes. Marinettes did not attend recruit training, according to the Marine Corps Web site.

In total,

A statue known as “Molly Marine” stands out side of the General Alfred M. Gray Research Center aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia.



Cpl. Christopher Tirado

305 women enlisted to “Free a Marine to Fight” for a four-year commitment that ended in September 1922, but were forced out of the Marine Reserve in 1919, according to the Pallet Master Web site.

More than 20 years later the need for more male Marines in combat during World War II led to the formation of the Women’s Reserve on Feb. 13, 1943. Roughly 1,000 officers and 18,000 enlisted women served, led by Col. Ruth C. Streeter, the first director of women marine reservists, according to National Park Service.

The first female Marine reservist to be commissioned was Anne A. Lentz, a civilian clothing expert who helped design the uniforms for the Marine Corps Women’s Reserve. She was commissioned as a captain.

A month after the formation of the Women’s Reserve, officer training began at Mount Holyoke College in New York City, according to NPS.

The officer cadets were taught by reluctant male Drill Instructors who were transferred to Mount Holyoke from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

The first class of women Marine reserve officers graduated on May 4, 1943.

Two weeks after the first officer class reported for training, 722 enlisted women recruits were ordered to U.S. Naval Training School (Women’s Reserve) at Hunter College, New York City.

The enlisted female recruits were also trained by male Drill Instructors.

In 1949, the Corps set up a recruit training battalion for female recruits at Parris Island, S.C. and a women’s officer training class at Quantico, Va., according to NPS.

Unlike their predecessors in World War I, Women’s Reserve Marines were trained as parachute riggers, mechanics, radio operators, map-makers, motor transport support and welders.

During the last year of the war, all available male Marines were battling the Japanese in the Pacific. In their absence, 18,000 women Marines represented more than half of the personnel at Marine Corps bases in the continental United States, according to Integrated Publishing Web site.

After World War II, the Women’s Reserve was once again disbanded except for a small



Former Lance Cpl. Macer Allen

**A female midshipman, from the University of North Carolina, tries to keep her balance as she walks across an obstacle on the Officer Candidate School Obstacle Course.**

nucleus of women who were assigned to U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

In response to the Korean conflict, Congress passed the Women’s Armed Forces Integration Act in 1948, which authorized women to become active duty Marines in the regular component of the Corps, according to the Marine Corps Web site.

At the time, women could not constitute more than two percent of the total force and could not hold permanent rank above lieutenant colonel. Katherine A. Towle was appointed as the Director of women Marines with the temporary rank of colonel, according to the Marine Corps Web site.

In March 1967, Master Sgt. Barbara Dulinsky became the first female Marine to be sent to a war torn country, when she requested reassignment from the United States to Vietnam. She was transferred to the main military headquarters in Saigon, according to an article in the Heritage Press International Web site.

Seven years later, the commandant authorized female Marines to serve with specialized rear echelon elements of the Fleet Marine Force.

Women serving with these units were still prohibited from deployment with combat units or units which could conceivably be engaged in combat. Women were specifically banned from all infantry, artillery, and armor units, and they could not serve as members of aircrews, according to WMA.

In May of 1978, Brig. Gen. Margaret Brewer became the first general grade woman Marine while serving as Director of Information.

In 1979 the Marine Corps assigned women to embassy guard duty. In 1982, women were prohibited from serving as embassy guards, but were once again reassigned to embassy duty in 1988, according to Women’s Memorial Web site.

Twenty-two years later, roughly 1,000 women Marines deployed to Southwest Asia in 1990 – 1991, prior to and during the Gulf War, according to WMA.

The Corps didn’t accept women into naval aviation pilot training until 1993. In July of that year, 2nd Lt. Sarah Deal became the first female Marine to begin



Photo Courtesy of DoD

**Three female Marines, in dress blue uniforms, raise the morning colors at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., May 7, 1969.**

training. She graduated and received her Golden Wings on Apr. 12, 1995 and went on to pilot the CH-53E Super Stallion, according to an article in Marines Magazine Online.

A year later, Maj. Gen. Carol A. Mutter became the first female Marine two-star general. Two years later she was promoted again, becoming the first female Marine to wear three stars. Mutter retired in 1999. Her last position was Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, according to her biography on the Department of Defense Web site.

Female Marines have come a long way since Lucy Brewer disguised herself as a man in 1812. They have fought for a place in active duty status and attained it in 1948, according to WMA.

Today, women serve in 93 percent of all occupational fields and 62 percent of all billets. Women constitute 6.2 percent of the Corps’ end strength and are an integral part of the Marine Corps.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeff Viano

**Maj. (then Captain) Sarah Deal, the first female Marine Corps helicopter pilot, flies a CH-53 Sea Stallion helicopter from HMH 466, MCAS Tustin, Calif., over Camp Pendleton while training June 23, 1997 during Exercise Kernel Blitz '97.**

## OOH RAH, From A-4

the word “Aarugha” came to be too much of a mouthful, and eventually molded itself into the familiar “Ooh rah,” according to Maj. Gary Marte, a retired Marine.

Confirmation for this version of the story rests with the official Marine Corps Training Reference Manual on the history of Marine recon, titled “Aarugha,” the manual gives credence to the origination of the phrase with reconnaissance Marines.

“Ooh rah” is just one of the things that separates Marines from any other branch of service, and has become a part of our lasting history.

“It is the traditions, the history, that makes Marines stand out,” said Aulton Kohn, Parris Island Museum information receptionist. “The stories passed from drill instructor to recruit, and from Marine to Marine, they add the color to the Corps.”

Recruit posters of old

1910s

1915

1917

1942





Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

The Submarine Veteran’s Group donated a wreath to the memory of the men, and placed it upon the stage during the ceremony. Nine Kaneohe Bay Marines have given their lives thus far in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

MEMORIAL, From A-1

from heat stroke in Okinawa, Japan and Lance Cpl. Richard P. Slocum, 19, Saugus, Calif., who died in a non-combat vehicle accident Oct. 24, near Abu Ghraib, Iraq.

“They were outstanding Marines, always respectful, never complaining,” described Sgt. Gabriel Avelar, Infantryman with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, about the Marines he knew. He finished his speech by saying, “may they rest in peace and their souls be at ease.”

More than 2,000 Marines and Sailors from K-Bay are currently deployed to the Middle East in support of the War on

Terrorism. Some left as recently as Nov. 8 and they won’t be the last to take a rotation in Iraq or Afghanistan. But the ceremony wasn’t meant to foreshadow the future, it was meant to be a reflection of the lives of the men who died.

Patterson comforted many guests with his words and prayers for the men and he summed up the emotion of the memorial by saying, “I know I speak for everyone in this auditorium and on this base and for the entire community when I say that our hearts go out to the families and loved ones of these great Americans. These men died serving their country and they died for the noble cause of freedom and liberty.”

SLOCUM, From A-1

“He wanted to join since he was 16-years-old,” said father Robert F. Slocum. “He thought the Marines would give him the opportunity to be the man he wanted to be, the man he knew he could be.”

The athletic Slocum graduated from Saugus High School, Santa Clarita, Calif., in 2003.

“He was tough on the outside, but soft on the inside,” Robert said of his son. “He had a really sensitive heart and was a very fun-loving individual.”

After taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test, Slocum decided he wanted to join the infantry.

“He had scored high enough to be whatever he wanted, but he still decided to go infantry,” recalled his father about the test. “He chose infantry to get the

full aspect of discipline he was looking for.”

During recruit training, the change began to take place.

“After boot camp I couldn’t believe the transformation,” said the proud parent. “He had changed from a kid to a man.”

The changes were also noticed in Slocum’s new friends ... the Marines.

“He developed a lot of friendships with his fellow Marines,” said Robert. “I enjoyed the type of individuals these men were.”

The machinegunner arrived here Feb. 26, shortly after graduating from the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Slocum was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. His unit was attached to 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan in August. The

unit arrived in Iraq in October.

“He wanted to go to Iraq,” his father said. “He said he was trained and ready to go. He got the opportunity but unfortunately he couldn’t do it as long as he would have wanted.

“My son loved his family and he had faith,” he added. “Being in the military helped build on his faith.”

Robert said he and his wife are very proud of their son.

“We will miss him,” he said while trying to hold back tears. “We know he was fighting for a good cause, but our life will not be the same without him.”

Slocum was laid to rest Nov. 2 at Eternal Valley Cemetery, Newhall, Calif., following services at Grace Baptist Church, in Santa Clarita, Calif.

He is survived by his father; mother, Kay; sister, Kimberly; and brother, Robert Jr.

HISTORY, From A-1

activities when naval aviation moved to Barbers Point Naval Air Station. Following World War II, Mokapu Peninsula was left in a caretaker status until 1951 when the Marine Corps identified it as the ideal site for air/ground combat training. On Jan. 15, 1952 Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay was commissioned.

On April 15, 1994, the Marine Corps consolidated all of its installations in Hawaii. MCAS Kaneohe Bay joined Camp H.M. Smith, Molokai Training Support Facility, Manana Family Housing Area, Puuloa Range and the Pearl City Warehouse Annex to form a new command, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, headquartered at Kaneohe Bay. Today, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay is home to more than 15,000 Marines, Sailors, family members and civilian employees. More than 9,000 active duty Marines and Sailors from Kaneohe Bay are currently engaged in the U.S. Pacific Rim strategy.



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Today, Ulupau Crater is home to Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility where Marines, Sailors and civil service organizations use the crater to hone marksmanship skills.